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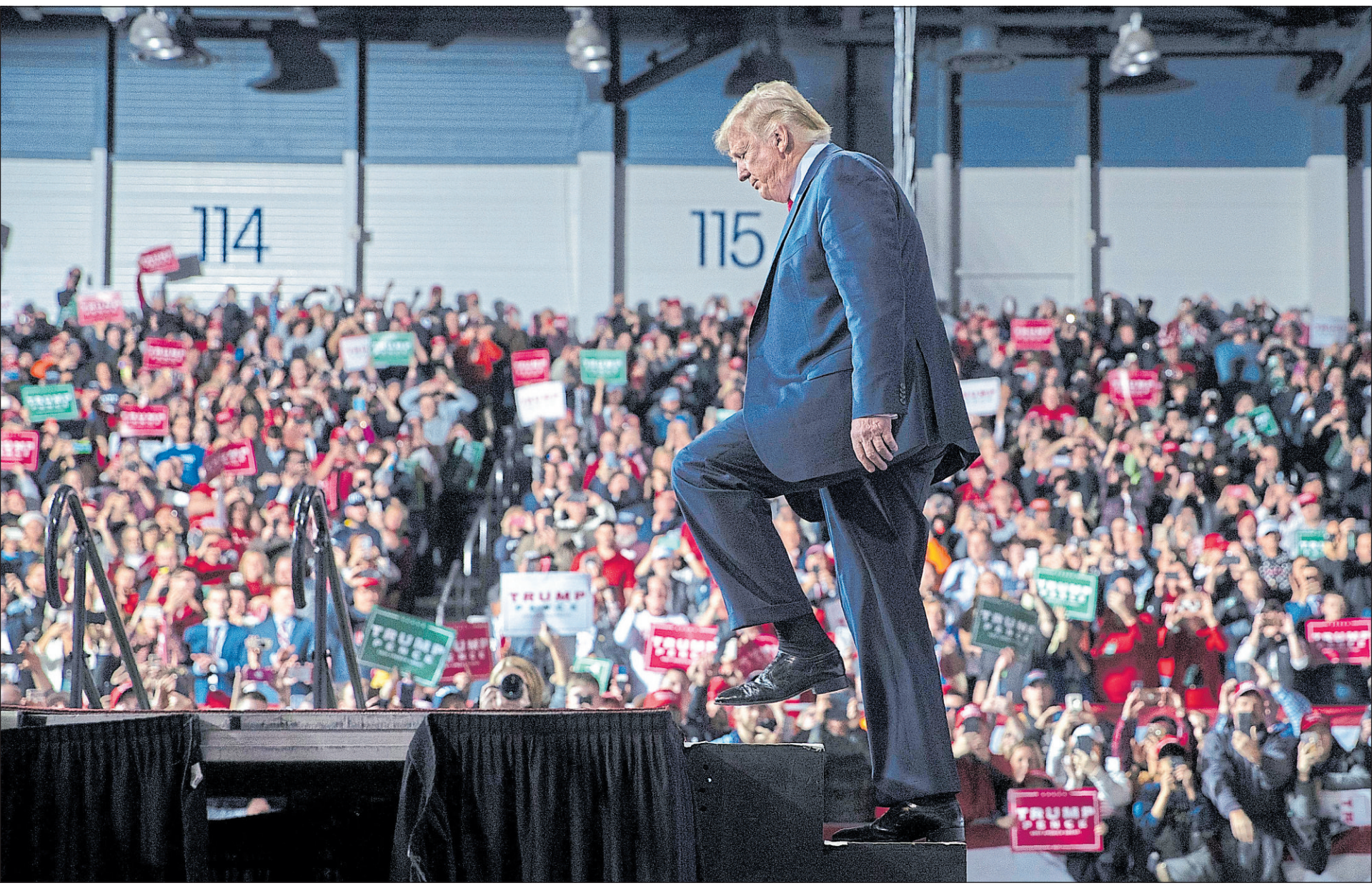
TRUMP IMPEACHED

CHARGES: Accused of coercing Ukraine to probe the Bidens.

TRIAL: For only the third time ever, Senate to weigh removal from office.



Just minutes before the House vote, President Donald Trump arrives at a campaign rally in Battle Creek, Mich., where he denounced Democrats' action as lawless. EVAN VUCCI / AP

The mostly partisan vote followed hours of rancorous debate.

By Jonathan Tamari
WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — A starkly divided House of Representatives on Wednesday impeached President Donald Trump, making him only the third U.S. president to suffer that fate.

In votes at 8:34 and 8:51 p.m., the House approved two articles of impeachment, one for abuse of power and one for obstruction of Congress, almost 21 years to the day after President Bill Clinton was impeached. Many lawmakers voted with red or green cards, rare in a chamber that usually votes electronically. They appeared to want to save the papers as mementos.

The votes, almost strictly along party lines, came after a daylong debate that reflected the divisions — over the president's conduct, and also over basic facts — that have come to define American politics.

After the vote, House Speaker Nancy

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Speaker Nancy Pelosi strikes the gavel after an impeachment vote. When some clapped, she glared and signaled for them to stop. PATRICK SEMANSKY / AP

Pelosi says she may delay referring the case to the Senate.

By Mike DeBonis
WASHINGTON POST

Moments after the votes Wednesday to impeach President Donald Trump, Speaker Nancy Pelosi said the House could at least temporarily withhold the articles from the Senate — a decision, she suggested, that could depend on how the other chamber chooses to conduct its trial on Trump's removal.

"We cannot name managers until we see what the process is on the Senate side," she said, referring to the House "managers," who present the case for removal to the Senate. "So far we haven't seen anything that looks fair to us. So, hopefully, it will be fair. And when we see what that is, we'll send our managers."

The comments came as a group of House Democrats pushed Pelosi (D., Calif.) and other leaders to withhold the articles — a notion that has gained traction among some on the left as a way of potentially forcing Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R., Ky.) to conduct a trial on more favorable terms for Demo-

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In Michigan, Trump says Democrats show disdain for voters.

By Julia Terruso
STAFF WRITER

Moments before the House of Representatives made him only the third U.S. president ever to be impeached, Donald Trump greeted thousands of supporters in Michigan, wished them a Merry Christmas — and dismissed the congressional condemnation that had just been stamped on his presidency.

"By the way, it doesn't really feel like we're being impeached," Trump said five minutes into his remarks Wednesday night in Battle Creek, Mich. "The country is doing better than it's ever been doing before. We did nothing wrong and we have tremendous support in the Republican Party."

His response to one of the most damning actions Congress can take against a sitting president, second only to actual removal from office in a Senate trial, was vintage Trump — combative and giving no political ground whatsoever. Democrats have spent months building a case that Trump abused his power by pressing Ukraine to launch investigations that would benefit him politically while

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